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VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Investigate the career or job you want. Call employers and answer newspaper on on-line ads to determine if you need additional training, education or a license to get started. Consider alternatives such as community colleges, apprenticeship programs and on-the-job training.

If you're considering a vocational school, tour its facilities, sit in on classes and talk to teachers and students. Find out about financial aid. Be sure to get graduation requirements and costs in writing. Watch out for exaggerated promises of guaranteed jobs or high earning levels. Ask for a list of graduates you can talk to about their school and job experiences.

Check the school's reputation with your high school and the Better Business Bureau at (302)230-0108 or at the BBB website at www.delaware.bbb.org/homepage.html.

THE CONSUMER PROTECTION UNIT

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit helps consumers resolve problems with businesses. To get information, discuss problems or make a complaint, call our toll-free number from anywhere in Delaware - 800-220-5424. Consumers in New Castle County can also reach us at 577-8600. Helpful consumer information and our complaint form are on-line at www.state.de.us/attgen